

UTAH OSHA Local Emphasis Program (LEP) for the Construction Industry

Goal:

This goal of this UOSH Directive is to establish an enforcement initiative to reduce the incidents of injury, illness and fatality among workers in the construction industry, by focusing on the “Big 4” construction hazards: falls from elevations, caught-in or between, struck-by, and electrocution.

Scope:

This Directive applies to all construction worksites under the jurisdiction of Utah OSHA.

Expiration:

This Directive expires July 31, 2019, but may be renewed as necessary.

Background:

In 2012, construction related fatalities accounted for 64% of all OSHA reportable fatalities in the State of Utah. The leading causes of death during this period were falls from elevation, struck-by, caught-in or between and electrocution.

Activities associated with construction fatalities include, but are not limited to; construction and demolition of residential and commercial and industrial structures; work from elevated surfaces such as; scaffolds, aerial equipment and ladders; trenching and excavation operations; construction; service or repair of overhead power lines; work on or near streets, roads, highways, bridges and overpasses for the purpose of building, maintaining or repairing.

Utah OSHA initiated this program to reduce the incidents of injury, illness and fatality throughout the construction industry and to solicit the cooperation of the industry to achieve better and continuously effective safety and health programs.

Utah OSHA will commit a number of resources to address this issue, including enforcement, outreach, training, onsite consultation and alliances.